

WILL MAKE FIGHT ON WARD SYSTEM

Recent Distribution by Street Committee Arouses Loud Complaints.

TURPIN DEFENDS ACTION

Committee Is Supreme, But Effort Will Be Made to Secure Reconsideration.

The action of the Street Committee of the Council, on Friday afternoon, in cutting off Lee Ward and Monroe Ward, with less than half the representatives of those wards as their just proportion of the funds available for street paving and improvement, has been very widely discussed and generally condemned by residents of the wards not in the dominant combination.

Representatives of the four wards which effected this coup and secured the bulk of the \$100,000 carried in the budget for paving, defend their action and contend that the division agreed upon is a fair one. The combination consisted of Jefferson and Marshall wards at first, and by overtures to Madison and Clay wards, too, were induced to enter the alliance. The arrangement was made so secretly and quietly that only those concerned were aware of it until the day the committee met. It had been known that Marshall and Jefferson wards had combined, but they had been unable to do more than to retard action on the budget until a call of the Council was ordered.

It was after this that the impotence of the combination, without securing results from other wards, was realized, and quiet but determined efforts were made to do this. Just how it was accomplished, those who know will not state. It is apparent, however, that Clay Ward, indirectly, dictated its own share of the spoils as a reward for its acquiescence in the scheme. Alderman Whitte and Councilman Don Leavy were its representatives present. Madison ward, however, seems to have been "easier" than Clay. Mr. Pollock, one of its most influential members on the committee, stated in open meeting, as he had previously done privately, that he was not aware of any combination, and, speaking for himself, had taken no part in one.

President William M. Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, and member of the body representing Jefferson Ward, engineered the recent combination to defeat wholesale salary increases. This example was soon afterward imitated by the East End members, as stated, and Mr. Turpin led the forces opposing the budget and presented it at that time the combine was powerless to do more than delay adoption of the budget.

When seen yesterday afternoon by a reporter, Mr. Turpin very frankly discussed the situation, and defended the action of the Street Committee in the division made of the funds. He stated that the division was made, and that the Council had nothing to do with the matter. The action of the committee was final, and did not need to be reported back to the Council or to either branch for approval. He pointed out that Lee Ward, as to which the loudest complaint was heard, had got \$72,500 in a lump through a special appropriation in the budget, and that all of this sum was to be expended on Lee street, the street of Monument Avenue. This sum and the amount given that ward in the committee distribution he regarded as all it was entitled to.

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Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that an effort will be made to bring about a reconsideration, owing to the absence of two ward representatives at the committee meeting. It requires the action of one of the following gentlemen who voted for the prevailing resolution to effect a reconsideration, however, and pressure must be brought to bear on one of them to induce him to make the requisite motion. Aldermen Adams, Markor, Mann or Whitte, Councilman Don Leavy, Garber, Lynch or Pollock.

Inasmuch as Mr. Pollock declared that he knew of no combination, an effort will probably be made to secure a full attendance of the committee and urge him to move a reconsideration. Unless one of the eight gentlemen named will make this motion, the matter is a closed incident for this year, at least.

Those who condemn the distribution agreed upon, and they are many, take consolation in the confident belief that the division just made will have a potent influence in bringing about the end of the ward plan of distribution of street funds, and, in the opinion of many, it will expedite and give momentum to the strong sentiment for a board of control or commission for municipal management, as to which a resolution is now pending.

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MAYOR DECLINES TO DISCUSS VETO

Much Speculation as to Ground on Which He Bases Action.

The veto by the Mayor of the Council resolution constituting a special joint committee to investigate certain criticisms of the Finance Committee by the city's chief magistrate, came as a surprise to many, though some of the Councilmen admit they suspected such action might be taken.

Mayor McCarthy politely but firmly declines to discuss the matter for publication, or in any other way prior to the reading of the veto message by the Council.

"The Common Council will not meet until April 1st, All Fools' Day, unless a special meeting be sooner called," the Board of Aldermen will meet just eight days later, or on the anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox. These are merely curious coincidences. Naturally members of both bodies desire to discuss the action on the veto until they understand upon what ground it is based, and none will know this until the Common Council meets two weeks hence, unless there shall be some occasion for calling a special meeting.

Just what reasons the Mayor gives for his action can only be conjectured. It is known that he has not, and has never had, any intention to reject the budget as presented, or to either branch for approval. He pointed out that Lee Ward, as to which the loudest complaint was heard, had got \$72,500 in a lump through a special appropriation in the budget, and that all of this sum was to be expended on Lee street, the street of Monument Avenue. This sum and the amount given that ward in the committee distribution he regarded as all it was entitled to.

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Well-Known Physician Developed Disease Thursday and Was Taken to Hospital.

A well-known physician of this city is a patient at the smallpox hospital, having developed the disease Thursday. He was promptly removed thither and every precaution was taken to prevent any other member of his family from becoming infected, and the health authorities are confident that no other case will develop. The doctor, who is doing finely, and was able yesterday to sit on the porch. His case is a very mild one, and was due to no lack of precaution, but to the failure to secure an effective vaccination, though he had made several trials recently. He was vaccinated years ago, and had inoculated himself several times in recent years, but the virus appeared to have no effect.

TO EXHIBIT DESK OF FOUNDER OF CHURCH

Rev. J. T. Hurdley, pastor of Freeborn Street Christian Church, Norfolk, Va., spoke at the Third Christian Church yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Mr. Hurdley is in Richmond in the interest of the exhibit to be made at the Jamestown Exposition by the Disciples of Christ. It is understood that a considerable collection of historical data and interesting exhibits connected with the beginnings of the church will be on display, including the desk of Rev. Alexander Campbell, the founder of the sect.

TOSSED MATCH ASIDE; DRESSING GOWN CAUGHT

Mr. Goulding, of Keyville, Va., who was seriously burned in a fire last Monday, is now at the Retreat for the Sick, where he is being treated for his injuries.

Mr. Goulding suffered his accident in a rather peculiar manner. He tossed away a lighted match, which fell on his dressing gown and set fire to it. He was badly burned on the back and arms before the flames could be extinguished. He was reported last night to be improving.

Lizzie Got a Licking.

Annie Lewis and Lizzie Orange are under arrest under cross-warrants at the First Station. It seems that Lizzie beat Annie, and then Annie gave Lizzie a licking. This case was looked after by Policeman Werner.

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MUCH ORATORY IN LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Six Candidates Now in Field for Two Seats in Senate.

The announcement that former Alderman John B. Minor will be a candidate for the State Senate from this city, making six aspirants for the two seats to be filled, adds much interest to the local political situation.

Mr. Minor is a prominent lawyer and member of the firm of Thompson & Minor. He is a son of the late Professor John B. Minor, of the University of Virginia, and has been himself a teacher of law in the Richmond College faculty for some years. He has had a good deal of experience in local public affairs, having served in the City Democratic Committee and in the Board of Aldermen. While in the latter body Mr. Minor was chairman of the Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform and a member of the Committee on Streets. He is a trained and fluent speaker, and takes a deep interest in public affairs.

The campaign is now pretty well on, so far as it relates to the senatorial fight, and the candidates are giving the voters the "glad hand" on every side.

Though up to this time there has been no public speaking, it is expected that later on the campaign will develop into one of much oratory, and most of the aspirants believe that this is a good method of capturing votes.

Mr. Blair made a preliminary canvass many months ago, and now he and all the others are telling their friends why they would like to go to the upper branch of the General Assembly.

So far but little is heard of the race for the House, but it is expected that this will develop in a short while, and that many aspirants will be in the field. All the incumbents in the lower branch will likely stand for re-election.

Mrs. Thornton Very Ill.

Mrs. E. P. Thornton, of Halifax county, is critically ill at the residence of her son, Mr. Robert G. Thornton, No. 1819 Monument Avenue, where she has been spending the winter. On account of her advanced age very little hope is entertained of her recovery.

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Dr. Hexamer is an American-born citizen, but will deliver his address in both German and English. He is widely known throughout the country for his work in the immigration field, and his visit is looked forward to with much pleasure.

Some of the German-Americans and their friends are invited to attend the meeting.

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WOMAN WILL RUN NEW HOTEL HERE

Unusual Interest Felt in Opening of "The Guerrant" on May 1st.

MISS LEFTWICH IN CHARGE

Richmond Society to Be Invited to Evening Reception on Day Doors Open.

Many people in Richmond are looking forward with interest to the opening of a family hotel, at the southwest corner of Third and Main streets, on the 1st of May.

Miss Carrie Spears Leftwich, of No. 201 South Third Street, is to have entire charge of this hotel, which is to be called "The Guerrant." Miss Leftwich is a niece of Mr. John S. Ellett, Sr., and for some years has been successfully conducting a boarding-house at her present place of residence. Her popularity and the fact that she is an excellent type of the Virginia lady render her especially fitted for the additional responsibilities she is about to undertake. Miss Leftwich has been several times to New York and other Northern cities to look into the management of just such hotels as she proposes that hers shall be.

All Conveniences.
The hotel building is being erected by Mr. Joseph M. Fourqurean, from whom Miss Leftwich will lease it. The main entrance will be from Third Street. The first floor will be occupied by the offices, the lobby, a reception hall and a public and private dining-room.

Miss Leftwich will have a private switchboard and a telephone operator in the office, communication with the different rooms being by phone. The names of the office assistants have not yet been announced.

The parlors and bedrooms will be on the second and third floors, the building having in all, when finished, sixty sleeping apartments.

The contract for furnishing the house throughout in mahogany, has been given by Miss Leftwich to Snyder & Handley, of Richmond. In several suites, however, bedrooms will have brass or iron bedsteads. The bedrooms will be painted in delicate blue, pink and pale green enameled paint. In the public apartments the paint will be white.

The office, hall, lobby and dining-room will have hardwood floors. Above the first floor the rooms will be carpeted. At the hotel, the hanging of the hangings will be of the lightest material, and shades and awnings will render the apartments comfortably cool.

Silver and linen for the building have already been received, the former being tastefully inscribed and the latter having the mark of the hotel woven in the different articles to order. The china will show the colors—white and blue—and Miss Leftwich has chosen otherwise carried out in the dining-room wall hangings and the fern centrepieces for each table.

To Hold Reception.
An evening reception to which Richmond society will be invited, will signify the opening of the hotel on May 1st. The daily menu will include the serving of breakfast luncheon and a late dinner, partaken of each day to an accompaniment of music.

Miss Leftwich is a very busy woman just now. She is looking forward, however, to the beginning of her role as hotelkeeper with the determination of proving that women can be as efficient and as satisfactory in that line as the many others that they are daily entering upon.

The usual shops for the convenience of gentlemen desiring the services of a barber, and sample-rooms will be located in the basement floor, underneath the office.

Miss Leftwich, in starting her hotel, has the good wishes of many friends in Richmond and throughout the State.

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NOTED RICHMOND AUTHOR WRITES POETIC DRAMA

Much Interest Taken in New Literary Work by Miss Mary Johnston.

Miss Mary Johnston, the distinguished Virginia authoress of this city, has just put on the literary market, through her publishers, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of New York, a fine poetic drama, which she has entitled "The Goddess of Reason."

The play, which has the interest of a novel, deals with the dramatic contrasts, the passionate action, the soaring ambitions, and the appalling tragedies of the French Revolution.

In the richness of the historic background, in vividness of characterization, in strength of situation, as well as in charm of poetic atmosphere over the whole, the play is declared to be notable.

Although it is Miss Johnston's first venture in this field, which is now being so actively cultivated once more, it will immediately give her rank as one of the most distinguished as well as one of the most readable poetic dramatists of the day.

Miss Johnston's first book, written about ten years ago, was a story of early Virginia life, called "The Prisoners of Hope." It was followed in quick succession by "The House of the Old," and "Audrey," both of which books were Virginia life in their setting. Then, after a longer interval, "Sir Mortimer," an English novel of the Elizabethan period, appeared. In the meantime "Audrey" had been dramatized, and this play, having the same name, was the first time in the Richmond Academy of Music before an audience that was one of the most brilliant ever assembled there.

Miss Johnston occupied one of the boxes, and Miss Eleanor Robson played the part of Audrey as only she could play it.

Afterward Miss Johnston's health failed, and she was forced to lay aside her literary work and spend several winters in Sicily, the Bermuda Islands, and other resorts. Last summer she returned to her home in Virginia, and life there with great benefit, returning in the autumn quite restored to health, and eager to begin work again—with what results the appearance of her drama will show.

Miss Johnston has bought a home at No. 110 East Franklin Street, and will reside there permanently in future. Her sisters, Misses Eloise and Elizabeth Johnston, making their home with her.

JUDGE WITT MAKES TRIP TO STATION TO BAIL NEGRO

Eddie Cokes, the colored boy, who is charged with shooting another colored boy named William Randolph, was bailed at the Second Station last night by Judge Witt, who had been called to the station by the police. It is said the shooting was entirely accidental. The boy was playing with a pistol, believed to have been empty, when it exploded, and the stray bullet struck Randolph in the foot. The injury is not serious.

Squire Purdie was asked to bail the boy, but he could not do so until he had conferred with Judge Witt. The latter went to the station last night at 9:30 o'clock, and the bail was granted.

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